

SENATE BILL 47
By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-118, relative to university and college police and security departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-118, is amended by deleting subsection (f) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(f)

(1) Private universities and colleges located within counties having a population in excess of ninety thousand (90,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census may also employ and commission police officers under the conditions described in the preceding subsections and in this subsection; provided, that the chief law enforcement officer having jurisdiction where the private university or college is located has appointed the police officer a special deputy in accordance with § 8-8-212, or has appointed the police officer a special police officer.

(2) The chief law enforcement officer having jurisdiction where the private university or college is located shall define any geographical limitation on the exercise of police power of the special deputy or special police officer.

(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the chief law enforcement officer having jurisdiction where the private university or college is located shall be immune from any suit by anyone incurring any wrong, injury, loss, damage, or expense resulting from any act or failure to act on the part of any special deputy

or special police officer commissioned a police officer by a private university or college.

(4) No person shall be appointed a special deputy or a special police officer or be commissioned a police officer by a private university or college unless such person proves to the chief law enforcement officer having jurisdiction where the private university or college is located that person's financial responsibility in accordance with the terms of § 8-8-303(c).

(5) This provision shall not entitle such officers to any public funding, for training or otherwise.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.